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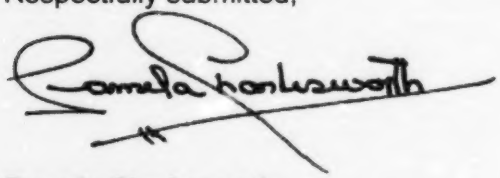
Dear Minister:

On behalf of the Provincial Capital Commission, I have the honour to submit the Annual Report of the Commission for the year ending March 31, 2001.

Respectfully submitted,



Pamela Charlesworth
Chair.

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MESSAGE FROM THE CHAIR

I am delighted to once again have the privilege of reporting on an eventful and very busy year of activity for the Provincial Capital Commission as we complete our 45th year of service to the citizens of British Columbia.

In addition to Commission's ongoing responsibilities, there were two major overriding activities that occupied much of our time over the past year. The first involved planning for the redevelopment of the Belleville Marine Transportation Terminal, including concept plans and rezoning for the new multi-user international ferry terminal. The second was Commission's Millennium project involving the deconstruction of the St. Ann's Annex, closure of Academy Close, behind St. Ann's Academy proper, and restoring the area to a natural open space linking with Beacon Hill Park on the one side with the St. Ann's Academy grounds on the other.

In addition to Commission's major focus on these projects, there was also considerable ongoing activity on the Greenways initiative and the continuing enhancement of the St. Ann's Academy Interpretive Centre and grounds.

Commission also continued its involvement in the area of enhancement projects, which currently stands at 216 approved projects and greenways projects with the total number of Greenways Grant Projects approved to date now numbering 48.

The Commission and the City of Victoria, in cooperation with Tourism Victoria and the Protocol and Events Branch of the Provincial Government worked on plans to host the annual conference of the Canadian Capital Cities Organization in Victoria in the spring of 2001. We expect to welcome delegates from coast to coast to coast including representatives from all 14 Canadian Capital Cities.

I wish to express my sincere appreciation to all those who assisted in the pursuit of the Commission's mandate during the past fiscal year and most particularly the St. Ann's and Greenways Advisory Committee members. As always, I extend my heartfelt thanks to members of the Commission who voluntarily contribute their time and expertise in our constant effort to preserve and enhance the unique qualities of Greater Victoria. Appreciation is also extended to our very dedicated and capable staff. We believe it is the efforts of all those individuals, working collectively and cooperatively, that help ensure an attractive and vibrant Capital in which all citizens of British Columbia can take a sense of pride and ownership.

Pamela Charlesworth
Chair

HISTORY

The Provincial Capital Commission, since its inception in 1956, has been responsible for a designated area known as the Capital Improvement District. In addition to the City of Victoria and the Municipalities of Esquimalt, Oak Bay, and Saanich, the designated area now includes the whole of the Saanich peninsula and the Western Communities. The Commission's mandate today, just as it was during the years it operated under its original name The Capital Improvement District Commission is to protect and enhance those amenity values of Greater Victoria and its approaches, which are appropriate for the Capital City of the Province of British Columbia.

The Provincial Capital Commission, as the name suggests, is the British Columbia counterpart of the National Capital Commission in Ottawa. Whereas the NCC has comprehensive powers, the PCC in pursuit of its goals, and with approving authority only in the case of proposed developments on Provincial Crown Land, relies heavily upon its example, good offices, and the cooperation of all the member municipalities, the Capital Regional District and all levels of senior government.

The Commission, in accordance with the Capital Commission Act, has a fourteen member board which includes six seats filled by nominees of the Four core municipalities and eight appointed by The Province all chosen for the experience and expertise they can bring to bear in furthering the enhancement needs of the Capital Improvement District. The positions of Chair and Vice-Chair are two of the Order in Council appointments made by the Province.

Traditionally the Commission has funded, wholly or in part, construction and development work for enhancement projects initiated by member municipalities in the designated area. This is still a major area of Commission activity, and has been augmented in recent years by extensive improvements initiated by the Commission itself. A small resource group was established in 1977 by the Minister Responsible to attend to such Commission initiatives and to assist the Commission in the day to day management of a portfolio of "special interest" properties entrusted to it by the Province. Since completion in 1957 of its very first project, which consisted of improvements to part of the Dallas Road waterfront, the Commission, in cooperation with the municipalities of the Capital Improvement District, has spent or committed approximately $19 million for such enhancement projects.

Again in recent years the "special interest" properties have become a very important part of the Commission's responsibilities. The

Commission was the agency through which the Province chose to achieve the rehabilitation of the derelict Crystal Garden facility. It was also the Commission that the Province looked to in seeking appropriate stewardship of the former St. Ann's Academy campus. "Special interest" projects traditionally have been accomplished through specially warranted provincial funding over and above the Commission's annual appropriation.

Because of its key contribution to the heart of Victoria, the Inner Harbour, and more particularly the Inner Basin, has always enjoyed centre stage attention. The Commission, with title to major waterfront properties on both the Wharf Street and Belleville Street flanks, endeavours to ensure that future development in this area will be in keeping with the impressive surroundings.

VICTORIA'S INNER HARBOUR AND THE LEGISLATIVE PRECINCT

MANDATE

The Provincial Capital Commission is a corporate entity with a Minister of Government being responsible for reporting to the Legislature on its behalf. Although the legislation creating the Provincial Capital Commission only goes back to 1977, the origins of the Commission go back to the first meeting of the Capital Improvement District Commission held on June 5, 1956.

The PCC is an agency established by the Province under the Capital Commission Act, with the mission of protecting and enhancing Victoria's unique Provincial and National role, character and ecology through preservation and elaboration of natural and built amenities and environments in the Capital Improvement District (CID) of the Province.

The Commission usually meets once per month and sub-committees may meet more often depending on the demand of their specific task.

As a corporation, the PCC must produce an adequate return from the properties it manages in order that it can generate sufficient surplus funds to achieve its mandate with respect to the enhancement of the amenities of the CID.

While the Commission's mandate is to protect and enhance the environment of the Capital Region, a number of the properties to which it holds title are commercially viable. In many instances these holdings are utilized as revenue generators which provide most of the fiscal resources required to carry out the mandate.

The PCC has jurisdiction over 59 properties within the Capital Improvement District, an area of approximately 197 square miles, 126,134 acres or 51,046 hectares. The assessed value of the 59 holdings of the PCC in 2000 was approximately 62.8 million dollars.

The mandate of the Commission is best expressed by the following goals and objectives:

Goals

A. Enhancement of the amenities and environment in the Capital Improvement District (i.e. Greater Victoria) for the benefit of British Columbia residents and visitors to the Province.

B. Protection and enhancement of arterial approaches to Greater Victoria.

C. Response to requests by the Government for the undertaking of Special Projects.

Objectives

I. Promotion and/or support of improvement efforts, by others, which maintain or enhance amenities in the Capital Improvement District.

II. Protection of natural and/or built environments in the Capital Improvement District.

III. Development of public amenities in the Capital Improvement District.

IV. Coordination with and assistance to other agencies within the Capital Improvement District with respect to activities which affect the public amenity values of the District and arterial approaches thereto.

V. Review and comment on (vet) plans for disposal and/or alteration of any land, building or other work owned by the Province in the Capital Improvement District.

VI. Purchase, acquisition and holding real property within the Capital Improvement District for the purpose of establishing or enhancing public amenities.

VII. Enactment of bylaws designed to protect, improve or enhance amenities in the Capital Improvement District and arterial approaches thereto.

The Commission operates two properties directly: it staffs and operates the Crystal Garden Conservation Centre and the St. Ann's Chapel and Interpretive Centre.

Much of what the PCC accomplishes is the result of consultation, cooperation, collaboration and advocacy. Commission relies on its good offices rather than on legislative provisions to influence enhancement within the CID.

The majority of the PCC's enhancement work has taken place in cooperation with and often at the initiation of area municipalities. Since 1956, the Commission has expended or committed approximately $19 million on over 180 different enhancement projects in the Capital Region in association with Greater Victoria municipalities.

PERFORMANCE PLAN: CHARTING THE COURSE 2000-2004

In order to comply with the requirements of the Budget Transparency Act, Commission's strategic plan has evolved to become a performance plan with the addition of several items including performance measures.

REPORT ON PERFORMANCE MEASURES

One aspect of the performance plan involves clearly identifying strategic objectives and related performance measures in order that they can be monitored regularly and progress measured. There are some difficulties in establishing objective performance measures. These are related primarily to the nature of Commission's mandate and the difficulty of establishing easily measurable outcomes. Some programs face special challenges in measuring outcomes. Among these are Programs whose participants are anonymous and those involved in development, public education, advocacy and providing support to other agencies. In addition, developing a sound outcome measurement system takes time to plan, to try out, to adjust, and to implement. Despite this difficulty, we have now identified a limited range of performance measures and are currently assessing various approaches to performance measures in order that we might identify a comprehensive range of measures at the earliest opportunity.

The following performance measures which have been identified at the present time will be measured for the first time during the 2001-2002 fiscal year and reported on in next year's Performance Plan update.

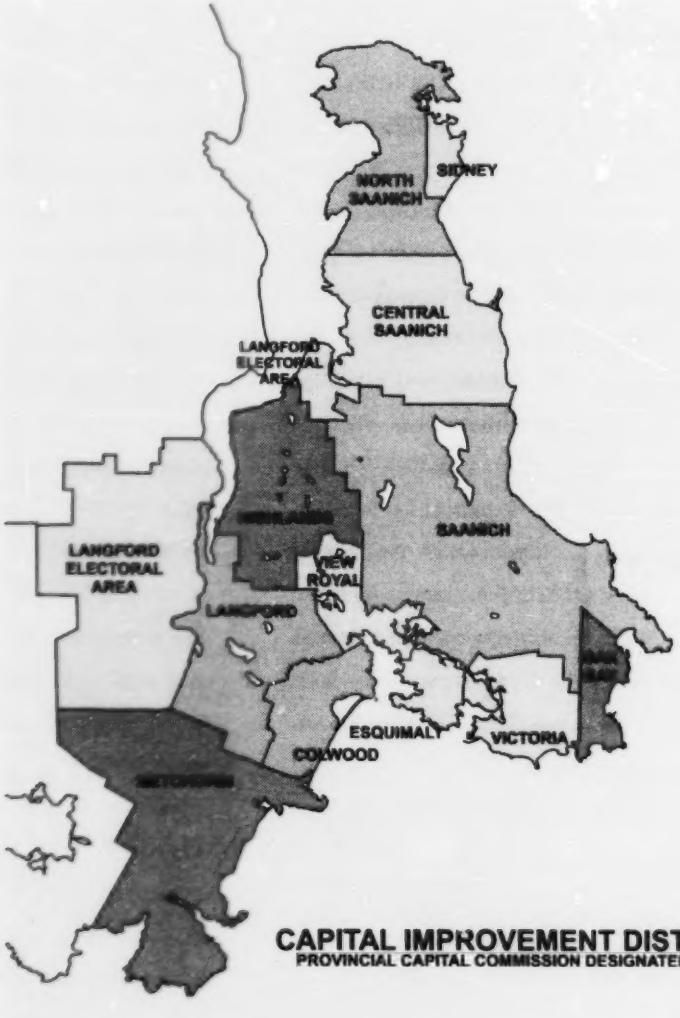
GOALS What We Want to Achieve	OBJECTIVES How We Will Achieve It	PERFORMANCE MEASURES How We Monitor Achievement
1. Enhancement of the amenities and environment in the Capital Improvement District for the benefit of BC residents and visitors to the Province.	a. Property Management.	a.i. Zero % vacancy rate in commercially viable PCC properties. a.ii. Average return of 8% on assessed value of commercially viable property. a.iii. Secure Federal properties required for new Ferry Terminal. a.iv. Secure funding for new Ferry Terminal.

GOALS What We Want to Achieve	OBJECTIVES How We Will Achieve It	PERFORMANCE MEASURES How We Monitor Achievement
1. Enhancement of the amenities And environment in the Capital Improvement District for the benefit of BC residents and visitors to the Province (cont'd).	b. Greenways Initiative.	b.i. Share in five or more new greenways projects in the CID including at least one project involving: • The South Coast Marine Access corridor • An urban greenways project or planning
		b.ii. Establish a land stewardship initiative.
	c. Restoration/Renovation/ Operation of St. Ann's Academy Grounds.	c.i. Complete Millennium Project by returning Academy Close and Annex properties to a natural state.
		c.ii. Continue grounds restoration.
2. Protection and enhancement of the arterial approaches to Greater Victoria.	a. Greenways Initiative.	a.i. Give priority to arterial greenways projects.
	b. Belleville Terminal Enhancement.	b.i. Commence detailed building "program planning" for new terminal.
	c. Property Management.	c.i. Continue actions to secure PCC Properties along arterial approaches.
3. Respond to requests by the Government for the undertaking of special projects.	a. St. Ann's Academy Building Restoration/ Renovation.	a.i. Successfully fundraise to complete second floor of interpretive centre.
		a.ii. Achieve 95% satisfaction rating in guest book responses and exit surveys
		a.iii. Building will, at least, break even on operation costs
		a.iv. Conduct at least one major "public" event during the year.
		a.v. Encourage non-profit event sponsors with 50% reduction in rental rates
	b. Crystal Garden Conservation Centre operation	b.i. Achieve 3% increase in attendance and Revenues
		b.ii. Achieve 95% satisfaction rating in guest book and exit surveys.
		b.iii. Conduct at least one major "public" event during the year.
		b.iv. Encourage non-profit event sponsors with 50% reduction in rental rates.
		b.v. Building will, at least, break even on Operating costs.

CAPITAL IMPROVEMENT DISTRICT

The Commission's designated area of responsibility (jurisdiction) has been expanded twice over the years, and is still legally known as the Capital Improvement District. It now includes Greater Victoria, the Saanich Peninsula and all of The Western Communities east of Sooke. All local Authorities within this area are free to seek Commission funding assistance for their enhancement initiatives.

The boundaries of the designated area are as indicated on the map shown below:



CAPITAL IMPROVEMENT DISTRICT
PROVINCIAL CAPITAL COMMISSION DESIGNATED AREA

CRYSTAL GARDEN CONSERVATION CENTRE

Fiscal Year 2000/2001 proved to be another busy and successful year for the Crystal Garden Conservation Centre as a whole and for the Program Section in particular. Admission to and usage of the Crystal was once again up significantly over the previous year.

Programs

ADMISSIONS/VISITOR SERVICES PROGRAM

During this fiscal year, the Crystal Garden welcomed some 195,000 people through its front doors. In the local tourism community, there was hope that the *"Circus Magicus"* exhibit at the Royal British Columbia Museum would be a blockbuster, and bring more people to Victoria. Unfortunately, this proved not to be the case. Nevertheless, paid attendance at the Crystal Garden did increase 9% over the previous year and revenues were 11% above budget. At the same time most downtown Victoria attractions were reporting decreased visitations. This performance speaks very well of the quality of the Crystal Garden, its products and its marketing of those products.

The modification of the butterfly house to a year-round display was welcomed by all, and Particularly by winter visitors. Comments from tourists, residents, community program participants, students and event attendees continue to affirm the quality service and superior product provided by the staff and contractors at the Crystal Garden.

Continuing community support initiatives provided approximately 152 free admissions passes to approximately 76 not-for-profit societies and schools for prizes at their fund-raising events. The Crystal Garden continues to offer free admission to community facilities such as transition houses, institutions for the physically and mentally challenged, leisure pass holders and attendants. Our standing policy of free admission to all wheelchair-bound visitors and attendants also continues.

COMMUNITY RENTALS PROGRAM

The community rentals program was strong this year with 22,600 people attending 225 separate functions, an increase in events of 3% over fiscal year 1999/2000. Revenues of $132,088 were contributed to the operating budget through the community rentals program. The busiest operational day was July 22, 2000, when, in addition to 1,292 day-visitors, the Crystal accommodated two wedding ceremonies with

photo sessions and one reception event for a combined total of over 1,600 people. The busiest day of having visitors through the operation was during the annual *"Be A Tourist in Your Home Town"* promotion when, on March 3, 2000, over 2,200 people visited the Crystal Garden.

SCHOOL PROGRAMS

The Crystal Garden Conservation Centre is an educational resource which was used by 2,288 students and 378 adult supervisors this year. This reflects a decrease of about 5% from the year before. This reduction was, in large part, due to the unavailability of the Crystal for educational programming during events surrounding its 75th Anniversary celebrations and during the Canadian Association of Zoos and Aquariums Conference (CAZA), which was hosted by the Provincial Capital Commission. *Butterflies!* continues to be very popular with the K-3 grades. The re-vamped *Jungle Journey!* is now used by K-7 classes. *Survival!* kept the species survival aspect of the program and expanded the information to encompass science materials for grades 4-7. Teachers are able to select the materials from within the program to augment a particular field of study for a specific class.

Again this year, a large, colourful poster was mailed to all Vancouver Island and Lower Mainland schools promoting the Education Programs. An Educator's Open House was held on October 20, 2000 to showcase the Crystal Garden's programming. This year's Open House was held in conjunction with Vancouver Aquarium's Aqua Van. The Van was at the garden as part of the CAZA Conference. The feedback indicates that the Crystal Garden is providing a valuable learning opportunity for students. Thrifty Foods continues to be a sponsor of the "Foods of the Rainforest" component of *Jungle Journey!* and *SleepOver: The Secret Jungle*.

COMMUNITY RECREATION (SLEEPOVER) PROGRAM

The *SleepOver: The Secret Jungle* program attracted twelve groups this past year, including three schools from the Lower Mainland. Over the summer, changes were made to the program to utilize the South Pacific mask collection throughout the garden. As part of the program, children get the opportunity to make their own mask. Due to the success of the program, a permanent lemur leap was painted on the mezzanine next to the Madagascan exhibit. Beginning in the Autumn 2000, some weekend nights were set aside for this program to allow local groups more time to plan their visits. This has worked very well utilizing Friday and Saturday nights in January, February and March.

TOURISM MARKETING AND PARTNERSHIP PROGRAM

Through membership in Attractions Victoria, the Crystal Garden again partnered in the 29th annual "Be A Tourist in Your Own Hometown" promotion from February 28 - March 4, 2001. Over 8000 residents and visitors used their tickets to visit the Garden. Due to the success of the rain check offer last year, we again honoured tickets until the end of March. Victorians appreciated being able to visit the Garden at a more leisurely pace. After viewing the Crystal Garden, many people asked for rental and education program information. A significant number of our booking inquiries can be traced directly to this event.

The Crystal Garden continues to be an active member of Tourism Victoria, Attractions Victoria, Tourism Association of Vancouver Island and Vancouver Island Meeting Planner and Suppliers. Through Attractions Victoria, the Crystal is marketing field trips to the attraction with the Victoria Clipper to schools in the US Pacific Northwest. The Crystal Garden reception desk is used by many visitors to obtain additional travel information about Greater Victoria an estimated 50,000 queries are answered each year.

75TH ANNIVERSARY CELEBRATION

June 26, 2000 marked the 75th Anniversary of the building of the Crystal Garden. Through the steering committee, comprised of Members of the Commission and staff, activities for the celebration were approved. Using a festive tent on the north courtyard of the Crystal and the James Ballroom, magicians, choirs, singers and dancers entertained the public. Over the past year, stories representing the human history of the Crystal have been collected and preserved. The highlight of the celebration was an afternoon tea for the people who took the time to provide their stories. Old friends were reunited and new friends made. One interviewee came from New York to renew acquaintances. The camaraderie was almost tangible.

CAZA CONFERENCE

Following on the heels of the 75th Anniversary was the Canadian Association of Zoos and Aquariums Conference in October 2000, themed "Extending Our Reach". Over 90 delegates and guests from across Canada and the western United States came to Victoria to hear colleagues speak on changes, challenges and accomplishments in the industry. The Crystal Garden's James Ballroom along with the St. Ann's Academy Auditorium were the venues for the conference sessions. Additional activities included a train and boat tour of lower Vancouver Island, whale watching and a day tour to the Lower Mainland visiting the Vancouver Aquarium, the Greater Vancouver Zoo and Mountain View Farms.

The Crystal Garden Conservation Centre is the smallest institution to have hosted this conference, and many compliments were received on the quality of the programming and hospitality planned into the conference.

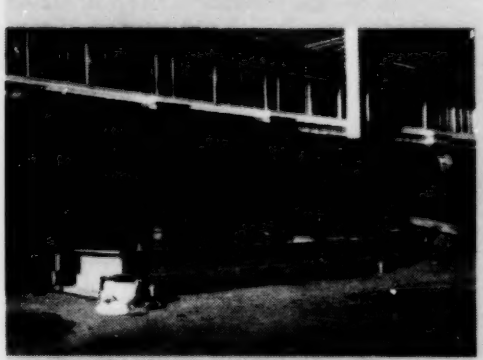
Horticulture

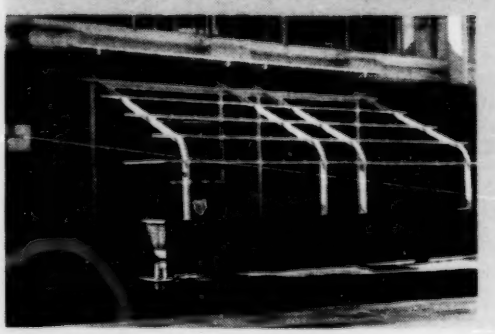
This fiscal year was an exciting one for the Crystal Garden Conservation Centre's Horticulture Department: after some twenty years since first envisioned, a Greenhouse was built at the back of the building.

The Greenhouse had to be designed to meet stringent heritage, visual, seismic and functional criteria. As the Crystal Garden floats on a cement raft, the Greenhouse was designed to support its own weight. It also had to follow the design principles of the Crystal to blend-in with the latter's visual heritage importance.

Now that the support Greenhouse is built, a new era for the Horticulture Department has begun. In the past it has been difficult to import a wider-variety of plants from around the world, as Agriculture Canada continues to be concerned about soil-born diseases and insects; and only a limited variety of plants are available from the North American greenhouse trade. With its own

GREENHOUSE ADDITION CONSTRUCTION JAN - MAR 2001
EAST SIDE CRYSTAL GARDEN





Greenhouse, the Crystal Garden will be able to purchase seeds from foreign locations and start and mature them in the Greenhouse for transfer to the display gardens. This will allow the Garden to have more flexibility to evolve and change over time.

During this past year, the year-round Butterfly Display has been improved with the addition of more butterfly types, additional plantings and a revamped observation area.

The long-time horticulture displays continued to be maintained. These displays create the feeling of being in a tropical rain forest. More molded rock display planters were constructed and stocked in the Animal Care Section, giving that area of the Crystal Garden a more natural and inviting look.

Animal Care

Fiscal Year 2001/2001 has been one of dramatic change in the Animal Care department, and another very busy one. Construction and renovation projects continued with the opening of the chameleon and day gecko exhibits in August 2000. The following October the mongoose lemurs, radiated tortoises, spider tortoises, and four species of fish all moved into their new enclosure, completing the Madagascar display area. A result of the new Madagascar exhibits was the reproduction of two highly endangered fish species. Off-display work included replacing two small zinc-coated housing cages with much larger, brighter, and more interesting environments.

Unfortunately, our only female hyacinth macaw died during the year. "Rachel" was hatched at the Crystal Garden eight years ago and it was hoped that she would breed this year and in the future. She succumbed very quickly and with little warning to avian tuberculosis.

The big event of 2000 for the Animal Care Section was the hosting of the Canadian Association of Zoos and Aquariums (CAZA) conference in October. This was one of the best-attended CAZA conferences in the organization's history, with the largest schedule of presenters and activities. The conference provided a wonderful opportunity to showcase the great strides the Crystal Garden Conservation Centre has made within the zoological and conservation community in recent years.

Under CAZA regulations, members' accreditation must be confirmed every five years. After a thorough investigation by CAZA officials, the Crystal Garden Conservation Centre was granted professional accreditation for the coming five years.

ST. ANN'S ACADEMY

As St. Ann's Academy concludes its third year of operation, it continues to be recognized as one of the city's most distinguished heritage sites. This past fiscal year, the total number of drop-in visitors and guests attending rental events at St. Ann's Academy was 31,902, an increase of 4%.

Interpretive Centre

This past year the Interpretive Centre acquired a new website linked directly to the website of the Provincial Capital Commission. In late July 2000, the Sisters of St. Ann's Academy celebrated their 150th Anniversary. The celebration attracted some 600 visitors to the site. In November 2000, the Sisters of St. Ann's Academy loaned three oil paintings to the Interpretive Centre. These paintings are thought to be the work of the art teacher, Sister Mary Osithe. The Nativity Painting of St. Ann's Residence was returned to the Chapel. In the autumn, Station of the Cross No. 3 was restored to its original condition and work began on the conservation of Station of the Cross No. 1.

St. Ann's Academy was open for drop-in visits a total of 314 days in fiscal year 2000-01. This was an increase of 26% over the previous year, largely due to changing to an ongoing seven a week operation in November 2000, at decreased hours per day.

This past fiscal year, the Interpretive Centre at St. Ann's received a total of 7,864 visitors, a decrease of 19% over the previous year. There were 5,347 adults and 594 children as drop-in visitors, a 21% decrease in adult attendance, but a 90% increase in child attendance. Group visits accounted for 600 people, a 26% decrease over the previous year. A further 1,323 guests attended special events, a 27% decrease over last year.

The Interpretive Centre admission is free. The donation box received $2,043.36 in Canadian funds and $127.40 in US funds. This is approximately 28 cents per drop-in visitor, a slight increase over last year.

Over the year, St. Ann's Academy hosted 97 weddings, 13 receptions and 11 other events, ranging from the 150th Anniversary Celebrations of the Sisters of St. Ann to Kid's Fest sponsored by Ocean Radio. Some 9,388 people visited St. Ann's as part of Chapel rental events, up from 14% last year.

A major achievement for the Interpretive Centre was the completion of the St. Ann's Academy Interpretive Plan 2000, which forms the vision for the Centre with details of the capital expansion into the third floor of the building and creates the groundwork for a capital fundraising program to complete the Interpretive Centre. This followed a

Parks Canada funded workshop to define the national significance of the property and to develop a Commemorative Integrity Statement for the site.

Grounds

Academy Green events attracted 4,075 people, an increase when compared to the previous year. Outdoor use is expected to grow in future years with cooperative events planned for the public and with increased marketing to the event planning community. One event, hosted to assist with the new marketing focus, a promotion event on the Green for the Royal British Columbia Museum's Circus Magicus Exhibit. This spectacular event included tents, circus acts and refreshments. A new initiative this year to St. Ann's Academy was the annual Kid's Fest hosted by the Ocean Radio. The festival occurred on Labour Day and was complete with free entertainment and activities for children of all ages.

The Soroptimist Club arranged to pick the surplus fruit and use the fruit and sale proceeds for charitable causes supporting women and children.

Auditorium

The Provincial Capital Commission continues the management of public use of the Auditorium for the Ministry of Advanced Education, Technology and Training. The theatre had over 111 days of activity during the year, including the long-running annual Shakespeare Festival / Four Seasons Musical Theatre.

During this second year of the PCC managing the public program, the Auditorium hosted a variety of events with 10,575 people in. This attendance is down 8% from the previous year, primarily due to two theatre companies not returning to use the venue a second year. One of these companies ceased operation and the other found the Auditorium to be too large a venue for their audience. New audiences are expected to develop with expanded marketing to the Meeting and Event Planner community.

The auditorium facilities were improved with the addition of a theatrical grid system into the stage ceiling. This allowed for the installation of proscenium curtains and better lighting.

Gift Shop

Retail sales expanded this year with the addition of Art Cards and Prints by Robert Amos, plus books on the Sisters of St. Ann in the North and the history of the Victoria Diocese of the Roman Catholic Church. Gross revenues were $2,028.25 for 2000-2001, representing a decrease of 18% over the previous year. The decrease in sales follows from the decrease in drop-in attendance over the year and from the fact that many gift shop customers are former students who most likely

have bought a desired souvenir of their former school during the first few years of operation of the Gift Shop.

Friends Society

The Society of Friends of St. Ann's Academy is moving forward with a new Executive, the addition of a part-time staff person and the continuation of the very successful lunchtime lecture series through the Spring and Autumn. These informal lunchtime talks are by women working in the community. An average of 20 people have attended each presentation. Plans are to continue the lecture series through the Spring of 2001. Membership and interest in the Society has continued to increase.

CANADIAN CAPITAL CITIES ORGANIZATION

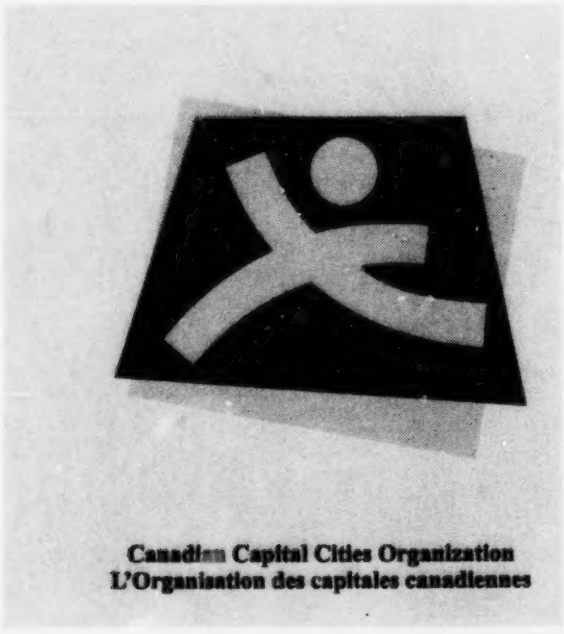
The Provincial Capital Commission and the City of Victoria are members of the Canadian Capital Cities Organization (CCCO). The CCCO provides a forum for senior political and administrative representatives from the federal, provincial, regional and municipal levels of government to share expertise and to work together to promote the cultural, economic and symbolic significance of their Canadian Capital Cities.

The CCCO works, through the strength of its members, to promote an awareness of Canada's history, culture and political heritage by encouraging an exploration of Canadian Capital

ST ANN'S ACADEMY
SOUTH SIDE WITH CHAPEL TO RIGHT

Cities. In addition, the Organization strives to encourage all Canadians to take pride in their culture and to develop a sense of belonging to Canada as a nation, through learning about Canada and its Capital Cities.

The Canadian Capital Cities Organization is an action-driven organization that continues to develop a number of initiatives with its member Capital Cities. One initiative is the Celebrate Canada in the Capitals Program. Through a national contest, fourteen families from each Province and Territory were chosen to travel to all the Canadian Capital Cities for the Canada Day Weekend. This was the third year of the program. In Victoria, the Provincial Capital Commission took the lead in organizing the program. Locally, with the assistance of the City of Victoria, the Kinsmen/Kinette Club and the Rotary Club of Sidney, host and day-host families were organized to billet and look after the visiting families during their four-day stay. A welcome was held at Government House, a tour of CFB Esquimalt was arranged, tours of downtown Victoria were held, participation in local Canada-day events was encouraged and a barbeque was held at Goldstream Provincial Park. Through the program a better understanding of the regions of Canada is obtained and new ties and friendships are created across the country.



Another initiative is the creation of a Capital Cities booklet for youth that highlights what is unique and special about each Canadian capital city. The Capital Cities booklet is promoted through 32,000 Canadian schools, libraries, youth groups, community groups and home-schooling organizations. Canada's capital cities each have a story to tell which is regionally and culturally unique. Together, these Capital cities tell the story of Canada how it evolved, its unique character, and how it will grow and flourish in the future. A free copy of the booklet, entitled "The Cyber Pal Pursuit Discovering Canada's Capital Cities," is available at: e-mail: info@ncc-cnn.ca; or telephone: 1-800-465-1867.

The 2000 CCCO Conference was held in May in Winnipeg, Manitoba. Delegates agreed to hold the 2001 Conference in Victoria and the 2002 Conference in Fredericton, New Brunswick.

IMPROVEMENT PROJECTS

This year the Commission received five applications for Improvement Project funding from local governments and societies in the Capital Improvement District.

Four of these applications were approved bringing the total number of improvement projects funded by the Commission to 164 since the grant program was begun. The value of grant applications continues to exceed the Commission's resources.

Grants were approved for the following projects:

- **District of Langford** for Civic Plaza and Rail side improvements;
- **District of Langford** for Millstream Road, North Gateway improvements;
- **Town of Sidney** for Marine Information Centre;
- **District of Saanich** for McKenzie Ave.-Borden St. Improvements.

THE GREENWAYS PROGRAM

The goal of the Commission's Greenways Program is to establish a region-wide multi-functional Greenways network for present and future generations. Greenways are linear corridors that connect natural areas. They serve as corridors for ecosystem protection and wildlife movement. They can protect natural, and green space values through the cooperative efforts of interested individuals, organizations and public institutional and private owners. Greenways can also provide opportunities for alternate transportation modes and for recreation.

This year the major Greenways event was the completion of the 280 metre trestle over Blenkinsop Lake. This bridge spans the last major gap in the Lochside Trail and effectively completes the regional Greenways corridor from Swartz Bay to Leechtown. The project also included the construction of a total of 1130 metres of trail approaches to both ends of the trestle.

Bridge construction and trail development was a co-operative project that involved the Government of Canada, the Provincial Capital Commission, the British Columbia Transportation Financing Authority-Cycling Network Program, Capital Regional District Parks and the District of Saanich. The total project cost was $925,000.

Support for the Regional *Green-Blue Spaces Strategy* is an important objective of the Commission's Greenways Grant Program. This is reflected in the Greenways grants authorized by the Commission this year. Grants were approved for the following projects:

- **District of Saanich** for Gorge Waterway Park and Walkway extension
- **Horticultural Centre of the Pacific** for Rehabilitation of Riparian Areas
- **City of Victoria** for Cecelia Ravine and Galloping Goose Trail improvement
- **Victoria Horticultural Society** for Oaklands Neighbourhood Greenspace Project
- **District of Central Saanich** for Lochside Trail, Martindale Rd. to Island View Road
- **District of North Saanich** for McDonald Park Road Cycle Path
- **District of North Saanich** for Lochside Drive Cycle Path
- **District of Langford** for Goldstream Meadows Connector Trail & Glen Lake Loop Trail
- **Camosun Community Association** Supporting a Regional Vision for the Bowker Creek Corridor

Greenways Awards

The Commission's Greenways Awards recognize the achievements of individuals and groups that support conservation as well as those that provide examples of leadership and create partnerships that support Greenways.

This year the Commission presented a special *Community Leadership Award of Merit* to **The Rock Solid Foundation** for the West Side Rail Project in which recaptures for public use and display the E & N Rail right of way and adjacent properties.

In addition, *Natural Areas Conservation Awards* were presented to:

- **Jean Strachan** for donating a parcel of land near Florence Lake to the District of Langford as a perpetual natural area – the first conservation covenant in British Columbia;
- **Bruce Wilkin, Chris Walker, Ingrid Taggart and the Neighbourhood of Matheson Avenue** for preserving a Garry Oak Grove in Esquimalt.

A Greenways *Partnership* Award was presented to the **District of Langford** in recognition of its creative and productive partnering with stakeholders in completing the first stage of the Langford Trail Master Plan.

A *Greenways Achievement Award* was also presented to **Bob Elliott** in recognition of his role in the planning and construction of the Hillman Road Trail and the Mac Page Bridge portions of the Metchosin trail network.

Additionally a *Greenways Developers Award* was presented to **Steve Mann and Gordon Randall and Don Mann Excavating Ltd.** for their efforts in creating a significant community green space in the development of the 100 acre Wildwood Creek Estates in Metchosin.

TREKS BY TRANSIT

Early in 1999 two members of the Greenways Advisory Committee approached BC Transit staff to see if there was any potential for publicizing greenways on the buses. An idea began to germinate and was passed on to PCC staff to put into action. In modified form the concept was titled *Treks By Transit*.

Treks By Transit involved encouraging people to leave their cars at home and to take the bus into the countryside to enjoy those greenways with good bus connections. Each month of the year 2000 a local greenway was featured in the BC Transit *Buzzer* brochure and a photograph of a scene, a plant or an animal found along the greenway appeared on the bus pass.

PCC staff used the Transit *Rider's Guide* to identify those parts of the designated area where a combination of good bus service and an interesting greenway might be available. Many greenways were investigated and photographed and, for the twelve finalists that were chosen as best representing different parts of the region, a descriptive article of around 600 words was composed. A map of the greenway was created by extracting data from the PCC Greenways Master Map and all the information was delivered to Transit where the maps were simplified for two-colour printing.

The first of the *Treks By Transit* appeared in the January, 2000 issue of the *Buzzer* and featured a walk along the Galloping Goose Regional Trail from the Johnson Street Bridge to the Town and Country Shopping Centre. Entitled *The Urban Goose* the article described the historical aspects of this greenway connection and provided bus route information, setting the tone for those to come. This was followed by Witty's Lagoon and Devonian Regional Parks in February, Gowlland Tod Provincial Park in March, The Ed Nixon Trail beside Langford Lake in April, a Brentwood Bay waterfront walk in May, the Swan Lake trails in June, a hike from Broadmead to Mount Douglas Park in July, a waterfront route from Clover Point to West Bay in August, a circumnavigation of Elk and Beaver Lakes in September, Horth Hill Park in October, a walk from Colwood Creek Park to Royal Roads in November and a walk along Sidney's waterfront in December.

Each month, BC Transit featured the current *Buzzer* article and the two-colour map on their web site. Commission also placed the data, including a full colour map that contained hyperlinks to photographs and to the bus schedule, on their site (www.bcpcc.com) and allowed them to accumulate as the year progressed. All twelve *Treks* can still be found there.

MILLENIUM PROJECT

The Commission's Millennium Project was approved in 1999. The project involves closing a portion of Academy Close and demolishing the Academy Annex structure to permit rehabilitation of the Annex site and former roadway into an open green space that will link St. Ann's Academy grounds to Beacon Hill Park. A landscape plan for the site was prepared and it was reviewed by nearby residents. The Commission and the City of Victoria subsequently formally approved the landscape plan.

PCC Millenium Project
West View From Academy Close

Demolition of the Annex building began in late August and continued until early October. Demolition included removal of hazardous materials and recycling of a significant amount of building materials, notably large dimension lumber and cedar planking.

On November 16, 2000, Victoria City Council approved the closure of the portion of Academy Close that abuts the Academy Annex site. This involved City approval of an exchange of the closed portion of the roadway for a Commission owned strip of land abutting a lane that connects to Academy Close near its eastern end.

On March 27, 2001, the Commission awarded a contract to Chew Construction to do the site rehabilitation and the landscaping work. The project also involves removing the existing overhead wiring and placing hydro, telephone and cable services underground.

It is anticipated that the project will be completed in late June 2001.

INNER HARBOUR LANDS PLANNING PROJECT

Victoria's Crown Jewel

Anyone who has ever visited Victoria will remember the Inner Harbour. The Inner Harbour sits at the core of the city, flanked on one side by the Legislative buildings and on another by the stately Empress Hotel, two of Victoria's many icons.

Victoria's Inner Harbour is an incomparable natural setting, defining and shaping the city that has grown up around it. The harbour is extremely important to the economy of the Victoria area and Vancouver Island. It is also the heart of the city, welcoming over one million travellers arriving by ferry, floatplane and helicopter services each year.

The harbour is small and it is extremely busy and active. The Tourist Information Centre, overlooking the Harbour, is operated by Tourism Victoria and responds to almost 900,000 information requests per year. On the opposite side of the Harbour are ferry terminals serving international traffic from Seattle, Port Angeles and Bellingham with close to one million travellers passing through the terminals each year. In addition, steps have just been taken to certify the Victoria Harbour as a Water Airport with Transport Canada as the operator. This action is in response to a 30% increase in air traffic

Movements in the harbour between 1990 and 1998. Scheduled airlines, commercial air services, charter airlines and tourist oriented flights all originate in the Inner Harbour resulting in hundreds of takeoffs and landings weekly. When you mix this level of activity with over eighty whale watching trips per day, in peak season, plus the commercial and recreational marine traffic, the Inner Harbour is a beehive of activity without taking into consideration the adjacent land based activity which focuses on the Legislative Precinct and very heavy volumes of tourist activity.

The Inner Harbour is in an evolving state and here is what is happening at the present time:

Belleville Multi-user Terminal at present the international ferries use two terminal buildings plus several small portable and/or temporary buildings to service their clients. Everyone recognizes the inefficiencies caused by multiple buildings requiring Customs and Immigration services to be provided from decentralized facilities and the inability to provide capacity for peak loads. As a result, the City and the Province signed an MOU a few years ago to undertake a joint planning exercise with participation of Federal representatives and representatives of the evolving central harbour management authority. The end result is a proposal to construct a

centralized ferry terminal, on PCC property, roughly between the two existing terminal buildings. The plan relies on subsidizing the construction by including adjacent revenue generating property of the Commission and obtaining zoning changes to allow revenue generating opportunities on other portions of the development. The rezoning application gained unanimous support from City Council after winding its way through the standard process. The Commission has now begun to refine the concept plans and make arrangements to finance the project with the hope that a start can be made at the earliest opportunity.

On the other side of the Harbour there are three adjacent properties owned by the 3 levels of Government and the same MOU and planning committee is focused on that site as well with a conceptual proposal expected in the next short while.

MV COMO IN VICTORIA HARBOUR FROM WESTSONG WAY

In all of the concern over development on the Inner Harbour, the major goal of the Commission is to ensure that the aesthetic value of the Inner Harbour and the view and location of the Legislative Precinct is uppermost in the minds of anyone planning redevelopment in and around the Harbour. View lines from the land are important as are views from the water they are, however, very different and both must be taken into account when any new development is proposed for Victoria's Inner Harbour.

Further, the PCC feels that it has a responsibility to help ensure that the physical aspects of the capital city and its environs not only adequately reflect Victoria's stature as a provincial capital but also Victoria's unique heritage character and as a destination for visitors from British Columbia and beyond. While most of the action in these regards lies within the realm of municipal jurisdictions, the PCC has the opportunity to cooperate and be influential in such efforts. The Commission is the one agency that has, as its primary focus, the concerns of the maintenance and enhancement of the natural and built amenities of the Capital. As such, the Commission is not often sidetracked by other issues or priorities it can focus on the Capital with all its effort and resources and, with its many partners, help ensure that BC's capital and the Jewel in the crown, Victoria's Beautiful Inner Harbour, will always be vibrant and attractive as befits the capital of one of Canada's most magnificent provinces.

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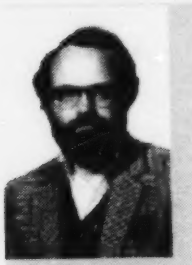

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ENHANCEMENT PROJECTS AND AUTHORIZED EXPENDITURES

NO.	PROJECT NAME	O.I.C.	AUTHORIZED EXPENDITURE
1.	Dallas Rd. Waterfront, Cook to Douglas	907/Apr.'57	61,345
2.	Mount Tolmie Development Stage 1 - 3	907/Apr'57 598/59 2715/59	51,301
3.	Extension, Superior Street - Heywood Avenue	907/57 2569/Apr.'57	rescinded 39,034
4.	Willows Beach Esplanade (Oak Bay)	907/Apr.'57 3104/57	52,372
5.	Dallas Road, Dock to Lewis	2416/Oct.57	16,727
6.	Beach Drive, Satellite to Newport	2416/Oct.57 2614/57 3104/57 91/59 2715/59	84,643
7.	Beacon Hill Park Illuminations	2416/Oct.57 2830/58 641/64 242/66	38,410
8.	Gorge Park Development (Esquimalt)	2813/Dec.58 1699/60	25,523
9.	King George Terrace (Oak Bay)	91/Jan.59 598/59 1697/59 2715/59	113,587
10.	Beacon Hill Park Cliff Erosion	91/Jan.59	25,959
11.	Marine Drive, Belleville to Dock St.	91/Jan.59	5,025
12.	Memorial Crescent to Foul Bay Road	2715/Nov.59	41,043
13.	Marine Drive, Douglas to Erie St.	2715/Nov.59	22,510
14.	Marine Drive, Uplands to Sinclair Rd.	897/Apr.60	49,277

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15.	Cadboro Gyro Park Sinclair Rd. Entrance	1699/Jul.60	2,555
16.	Scenic Drive, Uplands Park	1699/Jul.60 1/62	37,260
17.	Oswego Street, Belleville to Dallas	1699/Jul.60	16,931
18.	Inner Harbour Development Study	1808/Jul.61	750
19.	Marine Drive Signs	818/Mar.61	13,145
20.	Land Acquisitions, Parliament Buildings Precinct	2064/Aug.61 2697/62 78/63	134,500
21.	Douglas St. Beautification	1/Jan.62 2296/63 641/64	185,707
22.	Oswego/Belleville (Quadra Park) Landscaping	1/Jan.62 2697/62	7,604
23.	Greenfields - Goldstream Greenbelt	1/Jan.62 1992/69	107,538
24.	Victoria Centennial Square	2843/Nov.63	70,000
25.	Operating and Maintenance of Projects	312/Feb.64 937/66 288/69	12,000
26.	Beach Drive, Goodwin to Orchard	2650/Sep.64	1,320
27.	Confederation Garden Court	718/Mar.65	94,561
28.	Mayfair and Cedar Hill X Rd. Landscaping	719/Mar.65	10,954
29.	Rose Street Rock Wall and Median Strip	3056/Nov.65	27,000
30.	Signal Hill Park (Esquimalt)		Cancelled
31.	Willows Beach Esplanade Extension	3056/Nov.6	Cancelled

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NO.	PROJECT NAME	O.I.C.	AUTHORIZED EXPENDITURE
32.	Pioneer Square Decorative Lighting	3056/Nov.65	7,100
33.	Gorge Waterway Study	243/Feb.66	939
34.	Gorge Waterway Saanich - Phase 1	936/66	86,000
34.	Gorge Waterway Saanich Underground Wiring	3796/66	105,000
34.	Gorge Waterway Saanich - Phase 2	2929/67	64,000
34.	Gorge Waterway Saanich - Phases 3 & 4	1513/68 2742/68	64,000 84,000
35.	Gorge Waterway Esquimalt - Phase 1	1316/68 2742/68	2,000 100,000
36.	Gorge Waterway - Beautification		Cancelled
37.	Rose - Blanshard Street approaches to City Centre	3852/Dec.68	35,000
38.	Mount Tolmie Reservoir Landscaping	287/Jan.69	10,000
39.	Mount Tolmie/ Cedar Hill X Road Gordon Head to Haro Rd.	286/Jan.69	47,066
40.	Mount Tolmie - Summit Development, Phase 1 & 2	722/Mar.70 753/71	16,994
41.	Centennial 71 Project	4327/Dec.70	87,709
35.	Gorge Waterway Esquimalt - Phase 2	1277/Apr.70	87,500
42.	Kinsmen Park (Esquimalt)	753/Mar.71 3710/72	11,375
34.	Gorge Waterway Saanich Phase 5	753/71 1204/71	217,600 30,000
43.	Victoria Inner Harbour Developments (Phase 1 & 2)	3837/Oct.71 2686/72	70,088

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44.	The Causeway - Lower Promenade	4089/Nov.72	280,000
45.	Belleville Street -Lower Promenade	4089/72	32,000
46.	Survey, West Bay Promenade (Esquimalt & Victoria)	4089/72	6,000
44.	Causeway - Lower Promenade	1733/73	200,000
47.	Fleming Beach, (Esquimalt)	2519/73 3286/75	37,677
48.	Gorge Waterway, Saanich Bath House Cove	3318/74 2519/73	99,573
49.	Victoria Inner Harbour Seawall & Promenade Ocean Cement Site	656/Feb.74	52,927
50.	West Bay - Esquimalt Phase 1	3286/75	200,000
50.	West Bay Development - Esquimalt, Phase 2	2159/76	98,500
51.	Mount Douglas Park Bank Stabilization	2216/Jul.76	35,000
52.	Reid Centre Site Improvements	2832/Sep.76	100,000
53.	Captain Cook Statue (Inner Harbour)	1057/Mar.77	4,805
54.	Modifications to Docking Facilities (Princess Marguerite)	1056/Mar.77	175,980
55.	Esquimalt - West Bay Developments, Phase 3	257/Jul.77 658/78	106,580
56.	Gorge Park (Saanich) Ph. 3	257/77	61,496
57.	Victoria - West Bay Seafront Walkway	257/Jul.77	117,500

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58.	Victoria Inner Harbour - Lower Promenade to Black Ball Dock (Causeway Extension)	3396/Nov.77	96,424
59.	Victoria Inner Harbour - relocate M.V. Coho (Fed.Gov't)	3395/Nov.7	110,000
60.	Landscaping Trees from B.C.B.C.	3837/Dec.77	26,980
61.	Crystal Garden Consultant Fees (Prov.Gov't)	3865/Dec.77 2726/79	251,288
62.	Victoria Inner Harbour Ship Point Wharf	579/Mar.78 791/79	390,000
63.	Victoria Inner Harbour - New Boat Basin - (Fed.Gov't) Wharf Street	782/Mar.78 791/79	544,156
64.	Victoria Inner Harbour Landscaping Furniture, Ship Point Site	983/Apr.78	42,446
65.	Victoria Inner Harbour Ship Point	659/Mar.78	24,609
66.	Crystal Garden Renovations	1064/Aug.78 2067/7 792/79 2726/79 541/80 1728/80 392/81 626/82	2,607,757 (Prov.Gov't)
67.	Victoria Inner Harbour - Additional Dolphins - New Coho Berth	1576/Jun.78	29,000
68.	Victoria Inner Harbour - Demolition Black Ball Ferries Building	1577/Jun.78 659/78	35,152

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69.	Victoria Inner Harbour - Relocation Undersea Gardens	1548/Jun.78 2808/78	51,000
70.	Bowker Creek Beautification - Phase 1	1615/Jun.78	55,000
71.	Victoria Inner Harbour - reinstatement of sites, site services and consultants	2808/Nov.78	93,500
72.	West Bay - Victoria & Esquimalt	2807/Nov.78	25,000
73.	Reid Site - Specialist Consultants	2806/Nov.78 238/79 2943/79 170/80 1116/80	836,339 17,000
74.	Relocation of Visitors' Information Centre - former Esso Station	167/Jan.79	28,542
75.	West Bay Development - Esquimalt (Project 50)	3240/78	75,000
76.	Ship Point Wharf - City of Victoria	1670/Jun.79	12,600
77.	Demolition of Visitors Information Centre	1671/Jun.79	5,836
78.	Landscaping Visitors Information Centre	1671/Jun'79	12,000
79.	Colquitz Creek Improvement	1672/Jun.79 735/80 829/81 696/82 376/83	722,602
70.	Bowker Creek - Phase 2a, 2b & 3	551/80 2375/80 2002/81	310,000
80.	Chinatown Development	585/Mar.81	294,600

NO.	PROJECT NAME	O.I.C.	AUTHORIZED EXPENDITURE
81.	Arm Street Park Project (Esquimalt)	1364/Jun.81	120,000
82.	Brentwood Bay Improvements (Phase 1)	1517/Jul.81 1619/82	95,200
83.	Victoria Inner Harbour - Urban Design Proposals South Shore Promenade	720/Mar.81	20,858
84.	Victoria Inner Harbour Deck and Forecourt Black Ball & Former C.P.R. Terminals (Phase 1 & 2)	190/Jan.82 2183/82	233,956 265,712
85.	Reay Creek/Lochside Drive Design Services	377/Mar.83	2,845
86.	Fleming Beach Walkway (Esquimalt)	1161/Sep.83	70,000
87.	Victoria Inner Harbour Landscaping Contract	1381/Aug.83	20,191
88.	St. Ann's Academy	1869/Nov.83	47,928
89.	Victoria Inner Harbour Wharf St. Rock Wall	092/Jan.84	63,500
90.	Pioneer Park - Brentwood Bay- Phase 2	702/Apr.84	15,500
91.	Reay Creek Park, Phase 1	1229/Jul'84	30,000
92.	West Bay Walkway, Barnard to Maitland, Phase 1	2054/Nov.85	190,000
93.	Reay Creek Park - Design Services	1131/Jun.86	1,675
94.	812 Wharf Street PCC Share of Development	1508/Aug.86	578,000
95.	Belleville St. Forecourt Phase 3	1561/Aug.86	250,000
96.	Cuthbert Holmes Park Phase 1	1857/Oct.86	194,000

NO.	PROJECT NAME	O.I.C.	AUTHORIZED EXPENDITURE
97.	Douglas Street Landscaping Phase 1	1858/Oct.86	20,000
98.	Pioneer Park - Brentwood Bay Phase 2b	1859/Oct.86	32,100
99.	West Bay Walkway - Maitland to Robert	1394/Jul.87	162,030
100.	Douglas Street Landscaping Phase 3	1395/Jul.87	99,800
101.	Belleville St. Forecourt Phase 4	1129/Jun.88	deferred
102.	Cuthbert Holmes Park Phase 2A	1545/Aug.88	70,000
103.	Goldstream Ave./ Millstream Rd. Intersection	1545/Aug.88	45,000
104.	Gorge Falls Viewpoint	1545/Aug.88	20,000
105.	West Bay Walkway - Russell to Mary St.	1545/Aug.88	190,000
106.	View Royal Park	1545/Aug.88	50,000
107.	Belleville Street, Phase 1	1061/89	140,000
108.	Government/Wharf Streets Corner	1061/89	110,000
109.	Cuthbert Holmes Park, 2B/3	1061/89	75,000
110.	Lochside Drive (Sidney)	1061/89	67,000
111.	Lochside Drive, Phase 2	1199/90	60,000
112.	View Royal Park, Phase 2	1199/90	5,000
113.	Belleville Street, Phase 2	1199/90	100,000
114.	Goldstream/Jacklin Rd. Intersection	1199/90	65,000
115.	West Bay Walkway, West End Design	1199/90	20,000
116.	Trafalgar Park Viewpoint	1199/90	54,500

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NO.	PROJECT NAME	O.I.C.	AUTHORIZED EXPENDITURE
117.	Gorge Park, Handicapped Access	1199/90	10,000
118.	Bastion Square Revitalization	1027/91	155,000
119.	View Royal Park, Phase 3	1027/91	50,000
120.	Lochside Drive, Phase 3	1027/91	70,000
121.	Bowker Creek, Phase 3	1027/91	93,000
122.	Mt. Tolmie Improvements	1027/91	18,000
123.	McNaughton Street Gorge Access	1027/91	10,000
124.	Forshaw Road Gorge Access	1027/91	10,000
101.	Belleville St. Forecourt Phase 4	1073/91	1,500,000
125.	Bastion Square Revitalization Phase 2	1164/92	155,000
126.	Lower Causeway Landscaping	1164/92	11,500
127.	Colwood Creek Park	1164/92	30,000
128.	Esquimalt Lagoon/Royal Roads Foreshore Study	1164/92	20,000
129.	Cedar Hill Park	1164/92	100,000
130.	Confederation Square Perpetual Flame (deferred)	1164/92	8,000
131.	Elk Lake Drive/Patricia Bay Highway Landscaping	955/93	45,000
132.	Sidney Park Enhancement	955/93	20,000
133.	Patricia Bay Highway Landscaping	955/93	100,000
134.	Victoria/Saanich Spur of Pedestrian/Cycle Trail	1022/93	126,000
135.	Galloping Goose Trail Victoria/Saanich Spur - Phase 2	1177/94	44,500

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136.	Northgate, Langford	1177/94	10,000
137.	Patricia Bay Park	1177/94	40,000
138.	Parson's Bridge Park - Phase 1	1177/94	30,000
139.	Selkirk Water Trestle Trail	1177/94	60,000
140.	Selkirk Avenue Waterfront Walkway	1177/94	40,000
141.	Turning Rails into Trails	1406/94	2,000
142.	Greenspaces Planning Project	1406/94	36,625
143.	Galloping Goose/Victoria Saanich Spur Phase 2B	1406/94	100,000
144.	Cedar Hill Park/Bowker Creek	1135/95	50,000
145.	Ogden Point Planters	1135/95	14,640
146.	Fleming Beach Walkway/Bikeway	1135/95	50,000
147.	Maritime Museum of B.C.	1135/95	67,860
148.	Westsong Way Study	1135/95	12,000
149.	Highlands Heritage Park	1135/95	10,000
150.	Oak Bay Avenue Planting	1135/95	20,000
151.	Highlands Greenway Network	570/96	27,500
152.	Colquitz River Grenway	571/96	75,000
153.	Strawberry Vale Wetlands	571/96	2,500
154.	Selkirk Trestle Repairs	609/96	20,000
155.	Western Extension of Galloping Goose Trail	610/96	50,000
156.	Portside Walkway Viewpoint	1339/96	56,870
157.	Galloping Goose Trail Connections	1339/96	97,500
158.	Bazan Bay Improvements	1339/96	58,500

ENHANCEMENT PROJECTS AND AUTHORIZED EXPENDITURES

NO.	PROJECT NAME	O.I.C.	AUTHORIZED EXPENDITURE
159.	Gorge Waterway Shoreline Improvements	1339/96	50,000
160.	Lochside Trail (Saanich)	479/96	15,000
161.	Lochside Trail (Central Saanich)	479/96	21,525
162.	Habitat Inventory	1077/97	9,000
163.	Durrell Creek Integrated Watershed Study	1077/97	7,500
164.	Lochside Trail and Greenway	1077/97	30,000
165.	Colquitz River Greenway	1077/97	50,000
166.	Inventory of Green Spaces and Natural Habitats	1077/97	7,500
167.	Dockside Greenways Link	1077/97	25,862
168.	Trail Location, Land and Stream Stewardship	1077/97	25,000
169.	Galloping Goose Trail Surfacing	1077/97	80,000
170.	University of Victoria Greenway/ Restoration	1077/97	8,500
171.	Greenway Link Mt. Newton Crossroad	1247/97	70,000
172.	Glencoe Cove Greenway	1247/97	25,000
173.	Spirit Garden Greenway	1247/97	4,774
174.	Odgen Point Greenway	1247/97	80,000
175.	Langford/Goldie Trail	1247/97	60,000
176.	Pat Bay Highway Greenway	1247/97	6,000
177.	Mercer Trail– Mt. Douglas Park	1247/97	15,000
178.	Strandlund/Mill Hill Connector	1201/98	40,000
179.	Colquitz River Greenway	1201/98	50,000
180.	Royal Oak/Rithets Reservoir Trail	1201/98	18,000
181.	Banfield Park Path	1201/98	25,000

NO.	PROJECT NAME	O.I.C.	AUTHORIZED EXPENDITURE
182.	Metchosin Duke Road Footpath	1201/98	25,000
183.	Colwood Greenways Plan	1201/98	5,000
184.	Lochside Trail Extension	904/98	75,000
185.	View Royal Greenways Master Plan	700/99	11,500
186.	Glen Lake Elementary School to Glen Lake Park Trail Link	700/99	25,000
187.	Hatley Beach Link Trail	700/99	14,000
188.	West Bay to Macauley Point Park Greenway Connector	700/99	3,750
189.	Greenways Values in Hagan Creek Watershed	700/99	7,500
190.	Tod Creek/Prospect Lake Stewardship Program	700/99	14,960
191.	Stabilization and Restoration of Ornamental Gardens, North Saanich	700/99	50,000
192.	Chinese Cemetery Greenways Link	700/99	2,500
193.	Beautification Highway Entrances, Saanich	699/99	15,000
194.	Odgen Point Waterfront Enhancement completion	699/99	15,000
195.	Chinese Cemetery Beautification	699/99	5,000
196.	Esquimalt town Square	699/99	20,000
197.	Sidney Gateway – Floral Display Berm	699/99	30,000
198.	Enhancement of the Switch Bridge Gateway	699/99	20,000
199.	Downtown Langford Beautification	699/99	61,000
200.	Esquimalt Shipyard Memorial Park	699/99	5,625
201.	Pat Bay Highway Greenway Phase II	699/99	6,000

NO.	PROJECT NAME	O.I.C.	AUTHORIZED EXPENDITURE
202.	Gordon Head Greenway	699/99	5,000
203.	Blenkinsop Lake Bridge	654/99	160,000
204.	Gorge Waterway Park and Walkway Extension	1014/00	50,000
205.	Viaduct Flats Riparian Rehabilitation	1014/00	1,500
206.	Cecelia Ravine Park/Galloping Goose Trail	1014/00	40,000
207.	Oaklands Neighbourhood Green Space Project	1014/00	2,250
208.	Extension of Lochside Trail/ Island View Rd. to Martindale Rd.	1014/00	50,000
209.	McDonald Park Road Cycle Path	1014/00	13,196
210.	Lochside Drive Cycle Path	1014/00	18,397
211.	Goldstream Meadows Connector Trail andGlen Lake Loop Trail	1014/00	45,000
212.	Supporting A Regional Vision For The Bowker Creek Corridor	1014/00	4,000
213.	Road and Rail Side Gateway	1015/00	40,000
214.	Millstream Parkway North Gateway	1015/00	9,857
215.	Marine Information Centre	1015/00	40,000
216.	McKenzie Ave./Borden Street	1015/00	60,000

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Provincial Capital Commission

Financial Statements

Year Ended March 31, 2001

Management's Responsibility For Financial Reporting

The financial statements of the Provincial Capital Commission have been prepared by management in accordance with Canadian generally accepted accounting principles. Any financial information contained elsewhere in this report, has been reviewed to ensure consistency with the financial statements.

Management is responsible for the integrity of the financial statements and has established systems of internal control to provide reasonable assurance that assets are safeguarded, transactions are properly authorized and financial records are properly maintained to facilitate the preparation of financial statements in a timely manner.

The Auditor General of British Columbia has performed an independent audit of the financial statements of the Provincial Capital Commission. The Auditor's Report outlines the scope of this independent audit and expresses an opinion on the financial statements of the Provincial Capital Commission.

Pamela Charlesworth
Chair

Larry Beres
Executive Director

Victoria, British Columbia
May 4, 2001

Report of the Auditor General of British Columbia

To the Members of the Board of Directors of the Provincial Capital Commission, and

To the Minister of Community, Aboriginal, and Women's Services Province of British Columbia:

I have audited the statement of financial position of the Provincial Capital Commission as at March 31, 2001 and the statements of operations, changes in net assets and cash flows for the year then ended. These financial statements are the responsibility of the Commission's management. My responsibility is to express an opinion on these financial statements based on my audit.

I conducted my audit in accordance with Canadian generally accepted auditing standards. Those standards require that I plan and perform an audit to obtain reasonable assurance whether the financial statements are free of material misstatement. An audit includes examining, on a test basis, evidence supporting the amounts and disclosures in the financial statements. An audit also includes assessing the accounting principles used and significant estimates made by management, as well as evaluating the overall financial statement presentation.

In my opinion, these financial statements present fairly, in all material respects, the financial position of the Provincial Capital Commission as at March 31, 2001 and the results of its operations, changes in net assets and cash flows for the year then ended, in accordance with Canadian generally accepted accounting principles.

Wayne Strelioff

Wayne Strelioff, CA
Auditor General

Victoria, British Columbia
May 4, 2001

Provincial Capital Commission
Statement of Financial Position

March 31	2001	2000
Assets		
Current		
Cash	$ 55,672	$ 160,001
Short term investments (Note 3)	3,380,960	4,035,286
Receivables	98,857	82,434
Due from Province of British Columbia (Notes 5 and 8)	–	69,900
Inventories	6,559	6,411
Prepaids	23,315	33,115
	3,565,363	4,387,147
Capital assets (Note 4)	12,053,580	11,451,875
	$ 15,618,943	$ 15,839,022
Liabilities		
Current		
Payables and accruals	$ 150,748	$ 151,687
Due to Province of British Columbia (Note 5)	148,846	123,514
Deferred revenue	70,500	48,140
	370,094	323,341
Deferred contributions (Note 6)	1,784,791	1,877,382
	2,154,885	2,200,723
Net assets		
Invested in capital assets	10,268,789	9,574,493
Restricted for Beautification (Schedule 2)	234,984	491,351
Restricted for Greenway (Schedule 3)	717,189	793,585
Unrestricted	2,243,096	2,778,870
	13,464,058	13,638,299
	$ 15,618,943	$ 15,839,022

Contingency (Note 7)

Provincial Capital Commission
Statement of Operations

Year Ended March 31

	2001	2000
Revenue		
General operations (Schedule 1)	**$ 2,010,463**	$ 1,766,614
Crystal Garden (Schedule 1)	**1,504,217**	1,343,799
	3,514,680	3,110,413
Expenditures		
General operations (Schedule 1)	**1,528,709**	1,367,190
Crystal Garden (Schedule 1)	**1,527,449**	1,410,537
Beautification grants (Schedule 2)	**256,367**	32,582
Greenways grants (Schedule 3)	**376,396**	346,584
	3,688,921	3,156,893
Deficiency of revenue over expenditures	**$ (174,241)**	$ (46,480)

See accompanying notes to the financial statements.

Provincial Capital Commission
Statement of Changes in Net Assets

Year Ended March 31

	Invested in Capital Assets	Restricted for Beautification (Note 8)	Restricted for Greenways (Note 8)	Unrestricted	2001 Balance	2000 Balance
Balance, beginning of year	$ 9,574,493	$ 491,351	$ 793,585	$ 2,778,870	**$13,638,299**	$13,684,779
(Deficiency) excess of revenue over expenditures	(108,716)	(256,367)	(376,396)	567,238	**(174,241)**	(46,480)
Investment in capital assets	803,012	–	–	(803,012)	–	–
Internally imposed restrictions (Note 8)	–	–	300,000	(300,000)	–	–
Balance, end of year	$ 10,268,789	$ 234,984	$ 717,189	$ 2,243,096	**$13,464,058**	$13,638,299

See accompanying notes to the financial statements.

Provincial Capital Commission
Statement of Cash Flows

Year Ended March 31

	2001	2000
Cash flow from operating activities		
Cash received from commercial activities	**$ 2,885,682**	$ 2,711,011
Cash received from general donations	**216,790**	10,485
Investment income received for operating purposes	**257,285**	236,502
Miscellaneous receipts	**68,270**	69,396
Cash paid for salaries and benefits	**(1,202,641)**	(1,295,316)
Cash paid for materials and services	**(1,548,266)**	(1,569,507)
Cash paid for grants	**(632,763)**	(434,713)
Net cash generated through (used in) operating activities	**44,357**	(272,142)
Cash flows from investing activities		
Sale of short-term investments	**654,326**	367,919
Disposal of assets for resale	**–**	300,000
Purchase of capital assets	**(803,012)**	(219,391)
Proceeds on disposal of capital assets	**–**	1,055
Net cash (used in) generated through investing activities	**(148,686)**	449,583
Net (decrease) increase in cash	**(104,329)**	177,441
Cash, beginning of year	**160,001**	(17,440)
Cash, end of year	**$ 55,672**	$ 160,001

See accompanying notes to the financial statements.

Provincial Capital Commission
Notes to the Financial Statements
March 31, 2001

1. The Commission

The Provincial Capital Commission operates under authority of the *Capital Commission Act*. The purpose of the Commission is to enhance the amenities and environment in the Greater Victoria Area and to respond to requests from the government to undertake special projects.

The Commission is exempt from federal and provincial income taxes.

2. Summary of significant accounting policies

Basis of accounting

These financial statements have been prepared in accordance with Canadian generally accepted accounting principles for not-for-profit organizations.

Summary of specific accounting policies

Investments
Investments consist of units in Province of British Columbia Pooled Investment Portfolios. Units are carried at the lower of cost adjusted by income attributed to the units, and market value. Income attributed to the units represents the unitholders share of interest earned by the Portfolio and may be realized upon sale of units.

Inventories
Inventories are valued at current replacement cost, which approximates cost.

Capital assets
Purchased capital assets are recorded at cost.
Contributed capital assets are recorded at fair value at the date of contribution.
The contribution of park lands and green spaces is valued at $1.

The contribution of the St. Anns Academy, a provincially designated heritage site, is valued at $1. Capital improvements to St. Anns Academy paid for by the Commission are recorded at cost.

Amortization is provided on a straight-line basis over the assets estimated useful lives, which for buildings is forty years and for furniture and equipment is five years.

Revenue recognition
The Commission follows the deferral method of accounting for contributions. Revenue related to expenditures of future periods is deferred and recognized in the period in which the related expenditures are incurred.

Grant expenditures
Grant expenditures are recorded when they are approved and all eligibility criteria have been met.

4. Capital assets (continued)

St. Anns Academy, excluding the Chapel and Interpretative Centre, has been leased to the British Columbia Buildings Corporation for 51 years for $10 in exchange for the Corporation performing renovations to the building and property. At the completion of the lease period all improvements become the property of the Commission. St. Anns Academy has an assessed value of $20,146,100 (land, $10,123,000; building, $10,023,100) (2000: $20,146,100).

5. Related party transactions and balances

In addition to the amounts due from and to the Province of British Columbia, a related party, the Commission had the following transactions and balances outstanding with the Province of British Columbia and related entities:

- The Ministry of Finance and Corporate Relations acts as fiscal agent for the Commission and also provides payroll processing currently at no charge.
- Exchanges of park and green space land occurred with the Ministry of Transportation and Highways for properties of similar value.
- Rent revenue of $112,638 (2000: $112,299) was received from British Columbia Buildings Corporation.
- Rent revenue of $27,298 (2000: $26,959) was received from Ministry of Education.
- Operating costs of $50,272 (2000: $45,594) and capital improvement cost of $0 (2000: $3,740) relating to St. Anns Academy were paid to British Columbia Buildings Corporation.
- Insurance costs of $36,537 (2000: $37,720) were paid to the Ministry of Finance Risk Management.
- Professional fees of $0 (2000: $7,130) relating to the Belleville passenger terminal redevelopment were paid to British Columbia Buildings Corporation.
- Printing costs of $12,630 (2000: $12,640) were paid to the Queens Printer.
- Greenways grant expenditures of $0 (2000: $7,477) were paid to the Ministry of Transportation and Highways.

6. Deferred contributions

	2001	2000
Deferred contributions relate to contributed capital assets received from the Province of British Columbia. The change in the deferred contribution balance for the year is as follows:		
Opening balance	$ 1,877,382	$ 1,969,973
Less: amounts amortized to revenue	92,591	92,591
	$ 1,784,791	$ 1,877,382

7. Contingency

The Commission is in lease renewal negotiations with Transport Canada, the landlord of certain Victoria Harbour lands. The previous lease expired September 30, 1997. For the new lease term, Transport Canada has proposed an annual charge of $27,000. The Commission is disputing the increase. The maximum amount in dispute is $87,860. As the outcome is not determinable no amount has been accrued in these financial statements.

8. Restrictions on net assets

Net assets restricted for Beautification and Greenways are comprised of unexpended balances of amounts approved by Orders in Council for projects which are not yet completed or amounts restricted by the Board of Directors which have not yet been allocated to projects. Such projects are undertaken in cooperation with Capital Improvement Districts, municipalities and other groups.

During the year, the Commissions Board of Directors internally restricted $300,000 to be used for Greenways purposes. Approval from the provincial government by way of Order in Council is required before these internally restricted amounts can be expended as grants.

9. Comparative figures

Certain 2000 comparative figures have been reclassified to conform to the presentation adopted in the current year.

Provincial Capital Commission
Schedule 1

Schedule of General Operations and Crystal Garden
Year Ended March 31

	General Operations		Crystal Garden		Total	
	2001	2000	**2001**	2000	**2001**	2000
Revenue						
Admissions	**$ -**	$ -	**$ 972,922**	$ 893,090	**$ 972,922**	$ 893,090
Ballroom and bar	**-**	-	**147,187**	125,128	**147,187**	125,128
Contributions (Note 6)	**244,531**	29,781	**62,810**	62,810	**307,341**	92,591
Donations - St. Anns	**2,040**	10,485	**-**	-	**2,040**	10,485
Gain on sale of assets	**-**	-	**-**	1,055	**-**	1,055
Investment income	**257,285**	236,502	**-**	-	**257,285**	236,502
Miscellaneous	**16,894**	20,843	**51,376**	48,553	**68,270**	69,396
Parking lots	**456,638**	472,721	**-**	-	**456,638**	472,721
St. Anns	**96,918**	84,318	**-**	-	**96,918**	84,318
Tenant (Note 5)	**936,157**	911,964	**269,922**	213,163	**1,206,079**	1,125,127
	2,010,463	1,766,614	**1,504,217**	1,343,799	**3,514,680**	3,110,413
Expenditures						
Advertising and promotion	**19,624**	22,817	**75,751**	86,757	**95,375**	109,574
Advisory committee	**7,648**	15,483	**-**	-	**7,648**	15,483
Amortization	**103,621**	101,236	**97,688**	94,393	**201,309**	195,629
Aviary	**-**	-	**45,468**	46,142	**45,468**	46,142
Ballroom and bar	**-**	-	**53,912**	42,833	**53,912**	42,833
Butterflies	**-**	-	**44,135**	29,091	**44,135**	29,091
Crystal Garden 75th	**-**	-	**40,658**	-	**40,658**	-
Deconstruction Annex	**263,592**	6,046	**-**	-	**263,592**	6,046
Freight	**-**	-	**9,400**	6,993	**9,400**	6,993
Horticultural	**-**	-	**60,234**	51,251	**60,234**	51,251
Insurance	**22,286**	25,304	**14,647**	13,720	**36,933**	39,024
Janitorial	**53,414**	51,522	**65,719**	65,740	**119,133**	117,262
Landscaping	**32,121**	126,277	**-**	-	**32,121**	126,277
Miscellaneous	**16,045**	20,432	**40,190**	36,640	**56,235**	57,072
Office	**45,513**	39,826	**16,346**	12,866	**61,859**	52,692
Operating costs - St. Anns	**88,707**	117,778	**-**	-	**88,707**	117,778
Parking collection fees	**35,612**	41,210	**-**	-	**35,612**	41,210
Professional services	**84,714**	84,869	**4,308**	375	**89,022**	85,244
Property tax	**-**	-	**-**	11,356	**-**	11,356
Rent	**-**	3,338	**-**	-	**-**	3,338
Repairs and maintenance	**107,676**	107,111	**134,300**	142,005	**241,976**	249,116
Salaries and benefits	**587,179**	544,054	**703,931**	667,504	**1,291,110**	1,211,558
Security	**6,643**	7,159	**13,715**	10,081	**20,358**	17,240
Telephone	**8,784**	8,520	**7,977**	10,208	**16,761**	18,728
Travel	**3,908**	5,002	**826**	4,343	**4,734**	9,345
Utilities	**41,622**	39,206	**98,244**	78,239	**139,866**	117,445
	1,528,709	1,367,190	**1,527,449**	1,410,537	**3,056,158**	2,777,727
	$ 481,754	399,424	**$ (23,232)**	(66,738)	**$ 458,522**	332,686

Provincial Capital Commission
Schedule of Net Assets Restricted for Beautification

Schedule 2

Year Ended March 31, 2001

Beautification Projects	Balance at Beginning of Year	Current Year Restrictions	Current Year Grant Expenditures	Balance at end of Year
Internally restricted	$ 250,375			
Allocated to projects below		(149,857)		$ 100,518
Externally restricted				
Chinese Cemetery Project	5,000	–	(5,000)	–
Confederation Square	8,000	–	–	8,000
Downtown Langford	61,000	–	(61,000)	–
Esquimalt Shipyard Memorial Park	5,625	–	(5,625)	–
Esquimalt Town Square	20,000	–	(20,000)	–
Highway Entrances	15,000	–	(15,000)	–
Marine Information Centre Project	–	40,000	–	40,000
McKenzie Avenue / Borden Street	–	60,000	(30,000)	30,000
Millstream Parkway North Gateway	–	9,857	(9,857)	–
Oak Bay Avenue Planting	3,933	–	–	3,933
Ogden Point Waterfront	14,418	–	(14,418)	–
Pat Bay Highway Greenway Phase II	6,000	–	(6,000)	–
Road & Rail Side Gateway	–	40,000	(40,000)	–
Selkirk Arbutus Walkway	40,000	–	–	40,000
Sidney Gateway / Floral Display	30,000	–	(30,000)	–
Switch Bridge Gateway	20,000	–	(19,467)	533
Westsong Way Study	12,000	–	–	12,000
	$ 491,351	$ –	$ (256,367)	$ 234,984

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